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WINTER STORM UPDATE

Friday December 16, 2005 – 5:30 AM

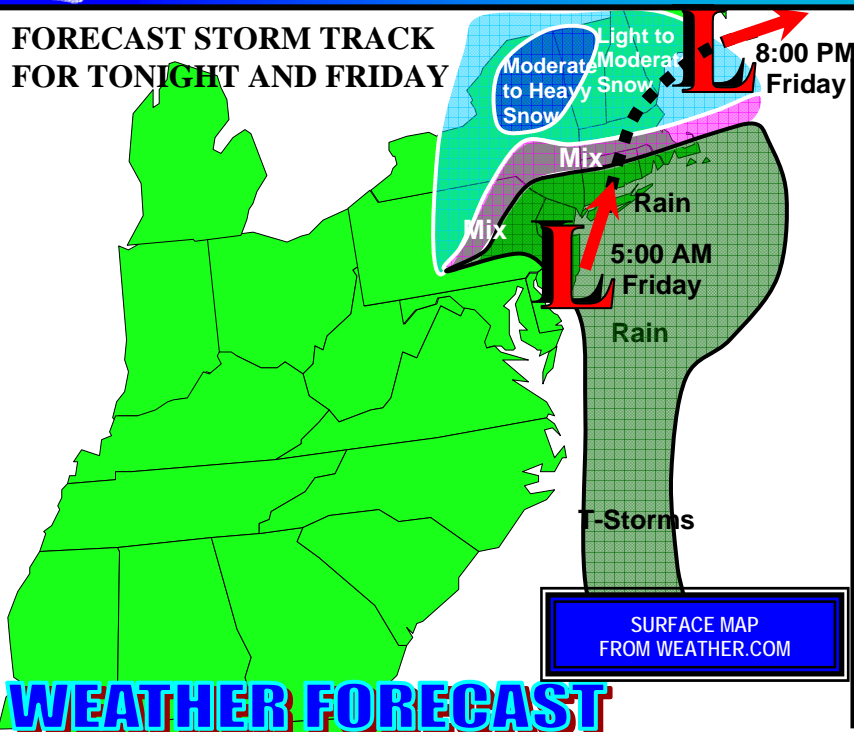
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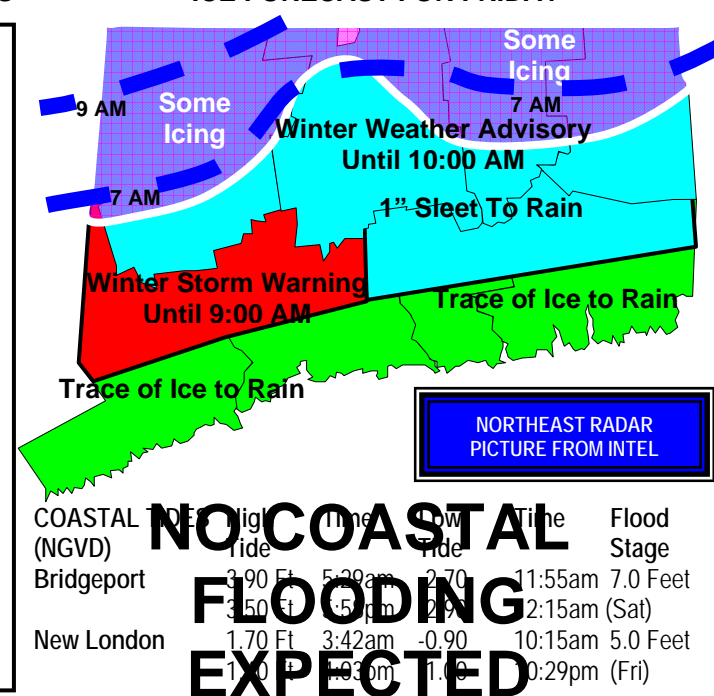
FORECAST STORM TRACK FOR TONIGHT AND FRIDAY



WATCHES AND WARNINGS

Heavy Snow Warning
No Warnings Issued by NWS
Winter Storm Warning
Northern Fairfield and New Haven Counties Issued by NWS
Advisories
All of Northern Connecticut and Northern Middlesex, and New London Counties.
Coastal Flood Warning
No Coastal Warnings In Effect

ICE FORECAST FOR FRIDAY



WEATHER FORECAST

STORM TRACK FORECAST... A surface low pressure system currently over Northern New Jersey is forecast to move quickly to the Northeast today and intensify as it moves over Southern New England this morning. This afternoon the low is forecast to move out of Southern New England and into the Gulf of Maine by this evening. Rain in Southern New England and Mixed precipitation in Central New England is forecast to end from Southwest to Northeast this afternoon. High winds are likely in Southeastern New England later this afternoon as the low pulls away to the Northeast.

CONNECTICUT FORECAST...NWS Issues Advisories and a Few Warnings for most of Connecticut which expire by 10:00 AM...

Early This morning...At the Coast...Any mixed precipitation changing to all rain south of a line from Danbury to Meriden to Norwich by 5:00 AM. Temperatures rising into the upper 30's. **In Central Connecticut...**Mixed sleet and freezing rain changing to all rain by 7:00 AM. Some sleet and ice from earlier this morning may remain on secondary roadways making driving conditions slick. Temperatures rising into the mid 30's. **In the Northwest Hills...** Sleet changing to freezing rain by 6:00 AM and then to mostly rain by 10:00 AM. Early slushy ice and sleet accumulations will likely cover roadways until late morning making driving conditions slippery.

Late this morning and early this afternoon...Rain (and any isolated pockets of freezing rain) ending around 10:30 AM in Southwestern CT and by Noon in the Hartford area and by 1:00 PM across Northeastern Connecticut. Northwest winds will increase this afternoon as temperatures hold in the mid 30's and then fall below freezing towards sunset. Some black ice is possible in isolated areas this evening with temperatures falling into the mid 20's. This will be the last update issued on this storm unless conditions change.

COASTAL TIDE (NGVD)	High Tide	Low Tide	Flood Stage
Bridgeport	3.90 Ft 5:38am	2.70 Ft 11:55am	7.0 Feet
New London	3.50 Ft 5:50pm	2.90 Ft 12:15am (Sat)	5.0 Feet
	1.70 Ft 3:42am	-0.90 Ft 10:15am	5.0 Feet
	1.00 Ft 9:30am	1.00 Ft 10:29pm (Fri)	

NO COASTAL FLOODING EXPECTED